

GETTING YOUR HOUSE READY FOR A PHOTOSHOOT

General

- Thoroughly clean the whole house (vacuum floors, clean hardwood floors, countertops, and windows)
- \ Turn on all ceiling lights and lamps
- Replace all burnt out light bulbs
- \ Turn off ceiling fans
- \ Turn off TVs and computer screens
- Open all blinds, letting all the light in
- Remove personal photographs
- \ Make all beds
- Remove small floor rugs to show the floor
- Place all shoes and jackets in the closet

Exterior

- Close garage doors
- Remove cars from driveway and front of home
- Tidy up the landscaping
- Remove empty planters
- Remove cobwebs from eaves and door frame
- \ Remove visible hoses
- Remove toys (soccer goals, basketball hoops, kids toys, dog toys, etc)
- Clean porch and tidy up outdoor tables, chairs, and chair cushions
- \ Clean pool
- Remove pool cleaning equipment
- \ Remove trash cans
- \ Turn on any fountains
- Remove pet waste

Kitchen

- Clean off countertops completely. No knife blocks, baking supplies, mail, etc
- At a maximum, you may leave out small appliances (coffee maker, etc)
- \ Hide trash can in closet

Dining Room

- Clear, dust and polish table tops
- \ If available, you may use decorative table settings
- Remove kid's chairs and booster seats
- Straighten all chairs

Family Room

- Remove all magazines, papers, and mail, etc
- \ Remove kid's toys
- \ De-clutter fireplace mantel
- Clean interior of fireplace
- Arrange pillows

Master Bedroom

- \ Make bed
- Clear nightstand of personal items
- Remove cell phone charging cords
- \ Remove clutter from dresser
- \ Remove family photos
- Remove items from under the bed that are visible

Bedrooms

- \ Make bed(s)
- \ Remove personal items
- Remove any stickers and posters from walls
- Remove any visible items from under the bed(s)

Bathrooms

- Clear countertops completely
- Remove soap, toothbrushes, medication, make-up, deodorant, etc
- \ Close toilet lid
- Clean shower and remove shampoo, soap, razor, etc
- Set out clean towels
- Remove floor mats to show floor

Pets

- Remove food and water bowls
- Remove pet beds
- \ Remove toys
- Remove all waste and pet hair
- Contain pets in a hidden kennel or outdoors